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1. A chemical factory was installed in the Ulanen Kaserne, Gleiwitz (Q 51/Y 37), at the end of January 1951. The barracks installation is located on the north side of the road to Richtersdorf (Q 51/Y 37) and adjoins the Gleiwitz broadcasting station.
2. A Polish infantry regiment was stationed in Sorau (O 52/B 16) in the middle of January 1951. (1)
3. An undetermined number of Soviet troops was stationed in Sagar. (O 52/B 26) in mid-January 1951.
4. The former German barracks installation in Marienwerder (Q 54/D 65) quartered Polish infantry troops in January 1951.
5. At the end of 1950, the resettlers' camp in a former German barracks installation in the wooded area at Gdynia (Q 55/Y 14) was taken over by the Polish Navy.
6. In January 1950, the former German barracks installation on the northern perimeter of Landsberg (O 53/W 08) on the Warthe River quartered a Polish light artillery regiment which had arrived there from Poznan (P 53/X 26) in 1948. Source, in Landsberg, recognized several officers of the regiment whom he had previously seen in the former 57th Inf Regt Kaserne, Poznan. The officers stated that they were looking for apartments for their families who were still living in Poznan. (2)
7. The barracks installation in Leszno (P 52/C 09), which is located on the road to Raritsch (P 52/C 37), was occupied by Polish troops in December 1949. Several artillery pieces of about 150 mm caliber were observed with the troops.
8. The barracks installation in Krotoszyn (P 52/C 68), which is situated by the road leading to Militsch (P 52/C 56), quartered a Polish light artillery regiment in December 1949. (3)
9. In 1948, the Polish 15th Inf Regt was quartered in a barracks installation about 800 meters south-southwest of the railroad station of Schwerin (O 53/W 27) on the Warthe River. (4)

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10. About 400 Polish infantry men drilling in the area north of Goeritz (O 53/V 66) on 17 February 1951 were observed by source who stood on the west bank of the Oder River near Reitwein (O 53/V 65). The troops subsequently marched to the town of Goeritz. (5)
11. Residents of Neu-Schamberg (O 53/V 66) stated that there was border traffic across the frozen Oder River in December 1950. Germans who wanted to gather firewood in the Neumuehl Forest were told by Polish residents that the edge of the forest was being patrolled by groups of two soldiers each, and that Soviet troops were bivouacked in the forest. The officers of these troops were billeted in the villages of Kutzdorf (O 53/V 67) and Quartschen (O 53/V 67).

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Comments

- (1) The 11th Inf Div, which was last identified in the Sorau area in 1948, was probably the superior headquarters of the infantry regiment mentioned in the present report.
- (2) The artillery regiment can only have been an independent one, since the artillery regiment of the 5th Inf Div, whose billeting area extends from west of Poznan as far as Landsberg, is stationed in Zuellichau.
- (3) The artillery regiment may have been assigned to the 4th Inf Div, which was carried in the area south of Poznan at that time.
- (4) The 15th Inf Regt is an organic component of the 5th Inf Div. According to an unsubstantiated report, elements of the regiment were allegedly located in Poznan in August 1950.
- (5) The troops are believed to have been personnel of the WOP (Military Border Guard Force).

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